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LOK SABHA

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NON-SEED COMPONENT MONEY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the guidelines for diversion of nonseed component money to State level Committees;

(b) whether these Committees are empowered to divert the unutilised portion of seed component money to any other component;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether requests have been received from some States for change in such guidelines to empower State Level Committees to allow unlimited diversion of unutilised non-seed component money as well as seed component money for other purposes; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Under Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) the flexibility for inter component diversion of funds by the State Governments is permitted only upto 20% of the funds allocated for non seed component. There is further flexibility to the States for introducing innovative measures or any special component to the extent of 10% of financial allocation. However, these changes can only be proposed with the approval of the State Department of Agriculture, and are to be approved by the State Level Sanctioning Committee.

(b)&(c): Diversion of funds from seed component to non-seed component is allowed only with the prior approval of the Government of India.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Question does not arise.